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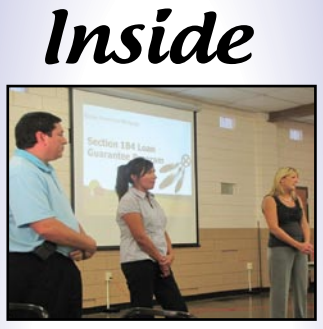

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Freedom through the stroke of a brush

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Sitting in a wheelchair, his head bent over his latest piece of art, Samuel (Sammy) Gordon Lee concentrates on making his first dream catcher.

"My nephew just showed me last Saturday how to make these, I just watched him one time and caught on and I thought, I can do that, so I am," Lee said.

Lee, a Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, lives in the Geary Nursing Home in Geary, Okla. His room is filled with framed paintings, brushes, and tubes of different colors of paint along with blank canvases waiting for the stroke of his brush.

The fact that Lee is a gifted artist is evident in the paintings hanging on his wall. What makes Lee extraordinary is that he is paralyzed from the waist down with limited use of his upper body, such as his arms and his hands.

"When I was 27 years old I dove into water thinking it was deep enough and broke my neck," Lee quietly said. "My life changed forever that day."

Lee, born Nov. 5, 1955 in Clinton, Okla. to Esther and Thomas Frisco Lee remembers vividly sitting and watching his mother and grandmother, Minnie Primeaux and his aunt, June Prairie Chief sit and bead.

"That's where I learned to put my colors together was from watching my mom, grandmother and aunt put their colors together in their beadwork ... mostly from my aunt June, she was really good," Lee said.

Lee attended grade school and high school in Clinton, Okla. He said he knew he was good at drawing, but never really paid much attention to it. Lee said in the tenth grade he and his best friend, Gary could draw anything.

"I wasn't able to take art classes until the tenth grade because I needed other credits to pass, but then I ended up flunking art ... both in the tenth and the 11th grades because I wouldn't draw what they wanted me to. I had my own art I wanted to do," Lee said.

Lee left high school and began working odd jobs, never really putting any time into creating art he said.

"At one time I worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' SETA program ... I don't remember what that stood for because it's been over 25 years ago," Lee said.

Lee said he never really had any kind of direction for his life. Then the day he made the decision to dive head first into water instead of just jumping changed everything.

"When I was in rehab along with all the other people who were paralyzed they were all praying to be able to walk again ... those were not my prayers,"

*See **Freedom**, page 7*

Getting a head start on life

A day in the life of a pre-school student

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Monica Venegas, age 3, uses her motor skills to pour herself some orange juice during breakfast.

Beaming with excitement, hair up in a ponytail on a cool morning, wearing a purple top, rolled up blue jeans and sparkling beaded flip-flops, 3 year old Monica Venegas sprints to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Concho Head Start bus.

Monica, a student of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Head Start Program, arrived at the Concho, Okla. head start building on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010, ready to learn.

She, along with her classmates, sat on a large blue carpet while waiting for their teachers to gather them and take them to their classrooms. In a line, hands on shoulders in the form of a train, the students followed their teacher to their classrooms all decorated with the students' artwork. Monica's classroom is titled the tiny tots classroom.

Once in her classroom Monica washed her hands to get ready for breakfast. Her teacher provided a large clear plastic tub filled with small, child size cups, plates and silverware. Monica and her classmates set their own table and sat down. Breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs and toast served in child size plastic containers. Two pitchers, one filled with milk and the other filled with orange juice. To amplify their motor skills the children served themselves, pouring their own refreshments and dishing out their own food onto their plates. Prayer is said to bless the food and friends before the students enjoy their breakfast.

Monica and her classmates carry their empty dishes and place them back into the large plastic container. After placing her dishes in the large plastic container she and her classmates began brushing their teeth and washing their hands. Walking back to the table where she had sat for breakfast, Monica picked up her chair and placed it onto a stack of chairs that was half her height. Monica walked over to her classroom and sat on a vibrant colored carpet, along with her classmates, to listen to their teacher, Miss Aubrey Blackwolf, instruct the students about classrooms rules.

Afterwards, with signs of eagerness in their faces, the children answer Blackwolf's questions with great pride that they know and recognize letters, shapes and colors. Once morning learning time is over Monica and her classmates head off to play at designated centers. The centers in the classroom are filled with different themes. Monica chose the play area with a tiny wooden refrigerator, wooden stove, wooden cabinets, wooden table that seats four students, baby dolls, crib and a rocking chair.

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Tribal Council Meeting

10 a.m. Saturday
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in Concho, Okla.

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The children playing along with Monica cooked food, rocked the babies and demonstrated the skills they learned at breakfast time. Using their well taught manners they sat down at the small wooden table and pretended to fix dinner.

"Children it is time to clean up so that we can go outside," Blackwolf said.

The race was on to see who could clean up their station first and sit down quietly on the carpet. Whoever sat motionless got to line up first. One by one Blackwolf called out the names of each child in the order of who was the calmest child that could line up and head outside.

Once outside the children adjusted well to being under the bright sun and feeling the light breeze of the wind. Scattering across the grass Monica's classmates located their favorite outdoor activity. There were swings, slides, bicycles, sandbox and a huge colorful outdoors play-set. Monica pondered on where she was headed before she decided what she wanted to do. Suddenly, with a smile and laughing she scampered to the swings.

After the children played outdoors they lined up to go back inside and wash their hands and prepare the table again for lunch. The process for lunch was the same as it was for breakfast.

Once Monica and classmates finished brushing their small teeth and getting their hands clean, they got to get them messy again with art time. When the time came following the completion of making their circles, it would be time to load back up on the bus and go home.

The head start program is a program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) that provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition and parent involvement services to children and their families.

Head Start began in 1965 and was later updated by the Head Start Act of 1981. It went through its most intense revisions in its latest reauthorization in December of 2007. It is one of the longest-running programs to address education for young children. The head start caters to preschool aged children from ages 3-5 years. The cost for parents who qualify for the program is free since it is a Federally funded program.

For more information about attending the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Head Start Program call (405) 422-7647.

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Monica Venegas enjoys her play time on the swing.

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Photos courtesy of Misty Wallace

Keith Sweat, along with Salt-n-Pepa, performed Sept. 18, 2010 at the Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla.

Due to an overwhelming show of fans, the casino's event tent had to be opened up to accomodate the fans.

The *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* will once again be honoring all Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member Veterans in the Nov. 1, 2010 issue of the *Tribal Tribune*.

We invite you to send in photos of any and all veterans you wish to have honored in this special section.

The *Tribal Tribune* has many photos from last year's publication and if you wish for those picures to be used, please notify Rosemary Stephens at rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org or by phone at (405) 422-7446.

There are four methods to send in photos:

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Home ownership made easy for Native Americans

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

What is a Native American 184 mortgage loan?

This question and others were answered during a home buying informational meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010 at the 4H building in El Reno, Okla.

Dina Schierman, First United Bank and Reggie Wassana, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Housing Authority, teamed up together to bring information to tribal members interested in owning their home.

"The program is designed to offer home ownership," Schierman said.

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

From l-r: Reggie Wassana, Crystal Thompson and Dina Scheirman educate tribal members on the Native American 184 loan program.

The U.S. Government holds much of the land in Indian country in trust. Land held in trust for a tribe cannot be mortgaged, and land held in trust for an individual must receive Federal approval before a lien is placed on the property. As a result, Native Americans historically have had limited access to private mortgage capital. The American dream for many people is owning their own home. For tribal members living on Indian reservations, this dream has remained unfulfilled. To open up home mortgage opportunities on reservations the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) created the HUD 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program in 1992. To address these concerns, HUD devised its 184-mortgage loan program to finance the purchase, construction or rehabilitation of one-to four-family homes. These homes must be occupied by a tribal member and located on trust land or in a Native American area to qualify for the program. HUD 184 loans may be made to individual Native Americans or to tribal housing authorities for resale to tribal members.

"For those of you with credit issues, I have a company that can help remove items that should not be on your credit score," Schierman said. "Never ever, ever consolidate your debt, we can help."

The program offers many benefits. Specifically, HUD provides a 100 percent guarantee for the outstanding loan balance. Closing costs and down payment assistance may come from grants or gifts or the closing costs may be financed as part of the loan. No mortgage insurance is required, and title insurance is required only for homes on fee simple land in tribal trust areas. Furthermore, HUD allows loan-to-value ratios up to 100 percent of the lesser of the purchase price or appraised value. HUD will also accept cost-based appraisals and allow flexible underwriting standards. For example, in absence of a credit history, a bank may use proxies such as rent or utility payments when underwriting the credit application. Since tribal trust land cannot be mortgaged, the program calls for a lease to be established for the land, with only the improvements mortgaged.

"The loan is income based, your income dictates a lot of what you can do," Wassana said. "The 184 is not income based as long as you have the ability to make the payments."

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Housing Authority is offering a Down Payment Assistance (DPA) program. The down payment closing cost grant is to provide the opportunity of homeownership for tribal members that can qualify for financial funding from a private sector. It is for Native American families living within the service area of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. The housing authority will assist eligible tribal members in securing a loan from another lending source, such as a bank or a grant program. The program is based on a first come first serve basis and you must fill out an application for approval the housing authority.

"It is a good program to utilize," Crystal Thompson, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Housing Development Specialis said.

For more information on becoming a homeowner contact Schierman at (405) 413-8332 or Wassana at (580) 323-4877.

Avoiding Acetaminophen Misuse

Submitted by Deborah Ellis

Acetaminophen is a popular over the counter medication. Millions of people take acetaminophen every day from each age group like infants to the elderly. Acetaminophen is used for pain relief and/or fever reducer. Tylenol is the brand name for acetaminophen. Medication with acetaminophen comes in the form of drops, syrups, capsules, and pills. Acetaminophen can become dangerous when misused. Acetaminophen misuse frequently occurs but can be avoided.

Be sure to always read and follow the directions on the label. The guideline for acetaminophen use by adults is 325 to 650 mg every four hours not to exceed 4,000 mg in 24 hours for more than ten days. The upper level amounts to eight extra strength 500 mg or 12 regular strength 325mg. If the use of acetaminophen is beyond ten days then a doctor should be consulted. Do not take more than the recommended dose. Never increase the dose when feeling extra sick. Record it in a journal by writing the name of the medication, how much of it was taken and what time it was taken.

There is a wide variety of over the counter and prescription medications that contain acetaminophen. Since products boast of different therapeutic uses on their label, the list of active ingredients should be looked at. Sometimes, acetaminophen is abbreviated as APAP. If acetaminophen is listed then taking another medication with the same active ingredient acetaminophen should not be taken. Incidentally, do not take acetaminophen for a hangover. The Food and Drug Administration requires a warning on the label that says, "Alcohol Warning: If you consume three or more alcoholic drinks every day, ask a doctor whether you should take acetaminophen or other pain relievers/fever reducers. Acetaminophen may cause liver damage."

More precaution is needed with infants. Parents can unintentionally overdose their own child. Infant Tylenol or infant acetaminophen formula is in a concentrated form. When the infant formula is given at a children's formula dose, overdose occurs and death can happen. Parents should not give medications to infants and children under two years of age without the advice of their pediatrician. Let the pediatrician determine the correct amount or dose for your infant. The infant acetaminophen formula comes with its own measuring device that should be used to avoid overdose.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, acetaminophen is generally safe when used as directed. To obtain more information on acetaminophen, ask a doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. To find the information documented in this article, please go to www.fda.gov/consumer Website and type in Acetaminophen and liver injury or contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Health Education Program at (405) 422-7676 or (405) 422-7674.

NCAI Youth Commission Elections

Submitted article

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Convention is taking place in Albuquerque, N.M. Nov. 14-19, 2010.

The Youth Commission will also meet at the convention and elections will be held to elect a new executive board. The positions available are male and female co-president, recording secretary, treasurer, and four members-at-large. The co-presidents will each receive a $2,500 scholarship for two years, and the secretary and treasurer will receive a $500 scholarship. The NCAI Youth Commission offers excellent opportunities for Native students interested in political science, tribal government, Native American legislative issues, and those who wish to gain valuable leadership experience and make a difference for youth in Indian Country. As the current Youth Commissioner, I have had the opportunity to testify before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, meet with tribal leaders, White House officials and members of Congress, and have traveled to conferences across the country. If you are interested, or wish to recommend a student please contact Alexa Old Crow at alexa.oldcrow@gmail.com or visit the NCAI website at NCAI.org for more information.

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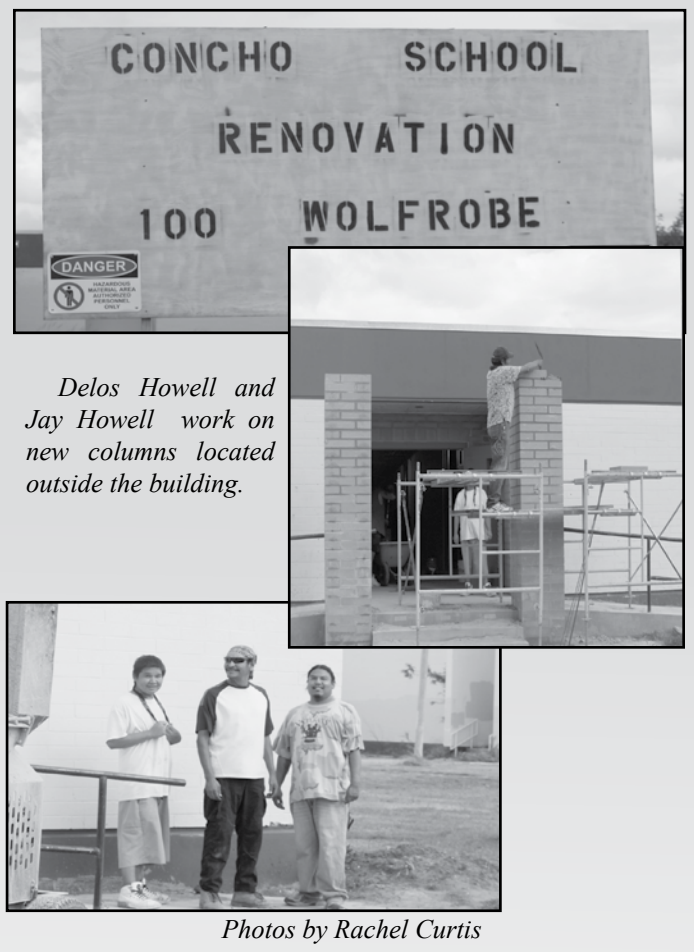

Delos Howell and Jay Howell work on new columns located outside the building.

Photos by Rachel Curtis

Economic development crew, Marcus Almanzar, R.J. Sleeper and Fred Sittingbull, Jr. are a few who are working on the school renovation.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes old Concho school next to the community hall located at the main Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla. is being renovated. The economic development crew tore out everything on the inside and are starting from the bottom to the top.

The renovated building will house tribal offices.

Photos by Rebecka Lyman

The Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. showed appreciation for their employees on Sept;. 14, 2010 at the El Reno Lake in El Reno, Okla. Under the pavilion refreshments, hamburgers and hot dogs were being served for lunch. The day was windy and sunny; games were played such as volleyball, golf, and horseshoes. Cash and non-cash prizes were given away to the winners of the games.

CHR Transportation Policy Updated Sept. 16, 2010

To keep within requirements, the following guidelines are in effect for the Community Health Representative (CHR) Program:

The client MUST call in to the CHR office to schedule transportation to ensure that they have a ride to their appointment.

If client has a vehicle or access to a vehicle at his/her residence CHR cannot transport.

Request for transportation service MUST be made at lease five working days prior to appointment date. Short notice or emergency requests will be provided only if CHR can fit it into their schedule.

Client must have IHS referral if not being transported to their primary IHS facility.

Only client with appointment will be transported. If client is elderly or handicapped, client should be accompanied by an adult for assistance purposes only. If client is a minor, one parent or guardian must accompany client.

CHR will pick up client at place of residence only.

CHR will wait ten minutes only, after which CHR will assume client does not need transportation. (CHR's may have other clients who have appointments or CHR may need to be at another location at a specific time).

CHR will not transport clients who are intoxicated.

CHR will not transport for any other agencies such as DHS, SSI or VA.

CHR will not transport in inclement weather.

The CHR van will pick up clients at designated bus stops only.

Other Important Information:

Client will notify CHR if they must cancel or reschedule their appointment so CHR may adjust their schedule. Scheduling or rescheduling appointments are the responsibility of the client not the CHR.

CHR's are not allowed to authorize emergency treatment at any hospital.

It is the client's responsibility to contact the Contract Health Service in Clinton at (580) 331-3414 within 72 hours from the beginning of emergency treatment.

For emergency medical services occurring on weekends or after hours contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' ambulance service at (580) 323-7087 or (800) 464-2410.

For CHR services, contact the CHR Program at (405) 422-7670 or (800) 687-0973.

Reunion Invitation

The Wright Family of the Rosebud Indian Reservation are planning a family reunion for the year 2011,on the fourth weekend of August, during the annual Rosebud Fair celebration (Aug. 27, 2011) at Ghost Hawk Park near Rosebud, South Dakota. The Wright family sends greetings and welcomes all families who are descendents and lineal descendents of John or Jack Wright (DOB: In or around, 1880 DOD: 1951) who originated from the Southern Cheyenne in Oklahoma and relocated to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in the late 1800s.

For more information please contact Larry Wright at (605) 828-2843 or by email at lgshwright@hotmail.com.

EATING well for DIABETES

By Lyndsay Seawright, MA, C&A
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

"Fall" in Love with Seasonal Foods

Summer may be coming to a close, but that is no reason to skip the produce section of your local market. Autumnal fruits and vegetables are not only loaded with flavor, but also pack in a ton of beneficial vitamins and minerals – many of which are thought to promote heart health, protect against some cancers and even ward off premature aging.

Apples, pears and pomegranates are some of the tastiest fruits in abundance during the fall months. Both pears and apples contain fiber, which keeps the digestive tract running smoothly and helps to reduce the amount of bad cholesterol in the body. Pomegranates contain antioxidants, thought to help decrease one's chances of getting some cancers and heart disease, as the juice in this delicious fruit improves blood flow to the heart.

Vegetables, such as greens, tomatoes, peppers and squash are just as healthy as they are appetizing. Pumpkins, which are making their appearance in grocery stores now, are low in calories and fat but high in fiber. Like tomatoes and butternut squash, pumpkins contain a type of healthy chemical called beta carotene that may help reduce signs of aging. Red, yellow and green bell peppers are an excellent source of vitamin C, which may help boost the immune system as the temperature cools down. Finally, Swiss chard, kale and other green leafy vegetables provide an excellent source of vitamins and minerals that the body needs.

Looking for something other than fruits and vegetables to snack on in the coming season? Pecans are a great source of protein, vitamins and minerals, and fiber. Ginger, also readily available in autumn, may help to improve blood circulation and may be used to treat upset stomach. You can enjoy these delicious foods from September well into November, and reap all of the benefits they have to offer.

For any questions or concerns regarding nutrition, weight management or diabetes please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7688.

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2-14.5 oz cans diced tomatoes
1-16 oz can whole kernel corn
1-4 oz can chopped mild green chilies
1/3 cup tomato paste
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
2 14-oz cans red kidney beans
2 cups water

Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program

Directions:
1.Prepare macaroni as label directs but do not use salt in water; drain. Set macaroni aside
2. Meanwhile, in 5-quart Dutch oven over med-high heat, in hot vegetable oil, cook carrots and onion, stirring occasionally, until vegetables begin to brown. Add zucchini and yellow squash; cook, stirring until all vegetables are tender-crisp.
3. Stir in chili powder and salt, cook one minute. Add tomatoes, corn and chopped green chilies all in their liquids. Add tomato paste, hot pepper sauce and water. Heat to boiling over high-heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer uncovered for 20 minutes. Stir in beans and macaroni. Heat through.
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The National Indian Gaming Association Mid Year Meeting/Training
Oct. 19-20, 2010 at the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel in Prior Lake, Minn. For more information visit www.indiangaming.org.

Northwest Tribal Water Rights Conference-Water and Human Rights
Oct. 20-21, 2010 at the KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson, MT. For more information or to register visit www.nationaltribalwatercouncil.org.

The 16th annual Tribal Enrollment Conference
Oct. 26-28, 2010 at the Isleta Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

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The 15th Annual Oweesta/ L.E.A.D. Institute 2010 National Conference
Oct. 28-29, 2010 at the Red Lion Hotel in Portland, OR. For more information or to register visit www.firstnations.org.

The International Association of Emergency Managers 58th annual Conference
Oct. 29-Nov. 4, 2010 at the Hilton Palacio del Rio and Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. For more information or to register visit www.iaem.com.

The 2010 Opportunity Finance Network Conference
Nov. 2-5, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.cvent.com.

The National Congress of American Indians' 67th annual Convention and Trade Show-Strong Tribal Nations, Strong America
Nov. 14-19, 2010 at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

The 2010 North American Indian AIDS Summit
Nov. 15-17, 2010 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, N.Y. For more information call (585) 413-1817.

The 6th World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders
Nov. 17-19, 2010 in Washington, D.C. For more information or to register visit wmhconf2010.hhd.org.

New conservation loan program available for producers

Submitted article

STILLWATER, Okla.- Francie Tolle, executive director for Oklahoma Farm Service Agency (FSA), would like to encourage producers to explore lending options within the new USDA Conservation Loan (CL) program, which will provide farm owners and farm-related business operators access to credit to implement conservation techniques that will conserve natural resources.

"This program will give farmers who want to implement conservation measures on their lands a chance to do so by providing assistance with their up-front costs," said Tolle. "In return, these producers will help to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and promote sustainable and organic agricultural practices."

CL funds can be used to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), such as the installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques or technologies.

Direct CLs can be obtained through local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices with loan limits up to $300,000. Guaranteed CLs up to $1,112,000 are available from lenders working with FSA.

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Judge mulls blocking New York tax on reservation sales

By Carolyn Thompson, Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)-Lawyers for the dominant Indian nation in New York's lucrative tax-free cigarette market told a federal judge Thursday that the tribe should remain exempt from the state's plans to tax most reservation smokeshop sales because the plans interfere with the tribe's right to govern itself.

Lawyers for the Seneca Nation, along with Cayuga Nation lawyers, argued in federal court in Buffalo for a preliminary injunction that would block New York from collecting the $4.35-per-pack tax on sales to their non-Indian customers.

The judge took no action but left in place a temporary order barring collections until Oct. 15. It is one of three separate court orders now preventing the state from going forward with the new tax, which was to take effect Sept. 1.

Lawyers for the state, meanwhile, are moving to consolidate the various legal challenges to save time and money.

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's office has asked a federal judge in Utica to transfer a lawsuit filed there by the Oneida Nation to Buffalo, to be consolidated with the Seneca case and another lawsuit brought by the Unkechauge Nation, which sells cigarettes on the Poospatuck Indian Reservation on Long Island.

The Utica judge is expected to consider the consolidation request Sept. 30.

Still another lawsuit, filed by the St. Regis Mohawk tribe, remains pending in Albany.

All are challenging a change in New York tax law that would, for the first time, impose the state's highest-in-the-nation sales tax on cigarettes sold by tribal retailers to the non-Indian customers who account for the vast majority of their sales.

The cash-strapped state, saying the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld its right to collect the tax, anticipates $200 million in annual revenues.

Indian nations argue the tax system would overburden tribal governments, interfere with their right of self-government and devastate their economies.

The law would require cigarette wholesalers to prepay the sales taxes before supplying reservation stores. Wholesalers would pass along the cost to tribal retailers, who would have to raise their prices and lose their competitive edge over off-reservation convenience stores.

Arizona rep seeks to spur growth on tribal land

By Felicia Fonseca, Associated Press Writer

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) _ An Arizona congresswoman has proposed setting up a trust fund to help tribal communities rebuild afdecades of not being able to make even minor repairs to their homes because of a land dispute.

A draft of the legislation released by Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick's office calls for setting aside a percentage of federal appropriations for the next 14 years. It would amount to $56 million a year based on the president's proposed fiscal year 2011 budget, according to her office.

Former U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert Bennett imposed the ban on improvements in 1966 to settle a dispute over land that both the Navajos and Hopis claimed as their own. The freeze originally covered 1.5 million acres of Navajo and Hopi land but was reduced to 700,000 acres on the western side of the Navajo Nation.

Residents couldn't fix a broken window or leaky roof, or bring electricity to their homes without approval from the neighboring tribe. Residents used flour sacks as window coverings, put tires on their roofs to keep them from blowing away, lit their homes with kerosene lamps and still haul water from distant wells.

Congress lifted what was known as the Bennett Freeze last year, but no significant funding has gone toward rehabilitation.

More than three-fourths of the homes in the affected Navajo communities aren't suitable to live in, and more than half of the homes don't have electricity, according to a study funded by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Obtaining funding has been difficult in the past few years because of the economy and politics, said Roman Bitsuie, executive director of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission.

``To see something of this magnitude, it's something that Congress is willing to recognize that it was a mistake and there should be some redress,'' he said.

Kirkpatrick, a Democrat, is accepting comments on the proposal until Wednesday and said she looks forward to helping the tribes ``right these wrongs and restore hope in their communities.''

Navajo officials estimate that repairing homes, building new ones, upgrading waterlines, and constructing health and public safety facilities will cost between $1 billion and $4.5 billion.

Dorothy Lee, who works in an area affected by the Bennett Freeze, said Kirkpatrick's efforts are long overdue. Lee was hopeful funding could be secured.

``We're just going to have to wait and see,'' she said Thursday. ``There's been a lot of empty promises, too.''

The draft legislation came as a disappointment to James W. Zion, who represents clients in the area. It proposes setting aside a percentage of appropriations to the BIA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to benefit Navajos and Hopis.

He said the funding sources ``are not likely,'' and the proposal fails to explain what has become of other money intended to benefit the tribes. He said the proposal could be improved through congressional hearings.

The draft legislation would give oversight of the trust fund to the Flagstaff-based Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation, which has carried out one of the largest relocation efforts in U.S. history of Navajos from Hopi land and vice versa. The proposal would allow the office to contract with the tribes for improvements.

``Our agency was looked upon as the evil empire,'' said Larry Ruzow, an attorney for the relocation office. ``Here we are in 2010 and the Navajo Nation is looking toward our agency to play a major role in rehabilitating a very significant part of Navajo country is gratifying.''

The Forgotten People, a group that includes residents who were tangled up in the land dispute, said it doesn't trust the relocation office to oversee the development. It suggested a multi-agency task force carry out development plans, and the federal government oversee the trust fund.

Kirkpatrick's proposal also seeks to address the relocation of tribal members _ an issue not directly died to the construction ban.

Navajos who lived on what was determined to be Hopi land had until 1997 to sign agreements with the Hopi Tribe to stay. About 300 agreements were signed, with a three-year window for people to change their minds and get relocation benefits instead, said Clayton Honyumptewa, director of the Office of Hopi Lands Administration.

Kirkpatrick's proposal would extend the time for about 187 Navajos with accommodation agreements to relinquish them and receive benefits that include housing and counseling, Honyumptewa said. The proposal also would authorize the Navajo Nation to sign agreements with the Hopi Tribe for Navajos still living on Hopi land but who do not have accommodation agreements, Bitsuie said.

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Events CALENDAR

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Veterans powwow

Oct. 1-3, 2010 at the Canton powwow grounds in Canton, Okla. For more information call David Ramos at (580) 284-9674.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' annual Tribal Council Meeting

10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information call (405) 422-7430.

The 34th annual Watonga Cheese Festival

10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8, 2010 and 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010. Admission is $5 (for both days). Children under 12 are free. Sponsored by the Watonga Chamber of Commerce. For more information call (580) 623-5452 or email cwatonga@pldi.net.

Ft. Sill Indian School Annual Reunion

Oct. 8-9, 2010 at the Ft. Sill Indian School campus gym in Lawton, Okla. Contact Darlene Defoe at (828) 736-0851, Richard and Pat Bread at (580) 588-2040, James Bitsue at (505) 793-5732 or Phyllis Hunter at (405) 247-1558 for more information.

Birthday Handgame for Elizabeth "Puggie" Blackowl

1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010 at the Roam Chief building in Pawnee, Okla. Meal with handgame to follow. For more information contact Mary Faye Blackowl at (918) 762-3615 or Ella Mae Jake-Blackowl at (918) 223-6993.

Introduction to NEPA, NHPA and NAGPRA Environmental and Cultural Resource Coordination Workshop/ Training

Oct. 13-14, 2010 at the Canadian Valley Vo-Tech in El Reno, Okla. Sponsored by the Tribal Historic Preservation office and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Culture and Heritage program. For more information or to register call (405) 422-7620 or (405) 422-7622.

Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association's Fall Feast

Starting 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 at the Glorieta Baptist Church gym, 7308 S. Western, Oklahoma City. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite traditional dish or dessert. Drinks and dinnerware will be provided. For more information call (405) 605-2621.

REO Speedwagon Concert

Doors open at 7 p.m., Concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, 2010 at the Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, Okla. For more information call (866) 966-1777 or order tickets online at www.tickestorm.com.

The 2010 Boggy Depot Bigfoot Conference

Oct. 22-23, 2010 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Atoka State Park in Atoka, Okla. For more information visit www.myspace.com/boggydepotbigfoot.

Curtis J. Levi Memorial Golf Scramble

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Shotgun starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010 at the Roman Nose State Park Golf Course in Watonga, Okla. For more information contact George Levi at (405) 265-5174, Lisa Levi at (405) 321-1704, Christine Levi at (405 538-7790 or David Levi at (405) 295-1770.

Four Tops and the Temptaions Concert

Doors open at 7 p.m., Concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 2010 at the Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. For more information call (866) 966-1777 or order tickets online at www.ticketstorm.com.

Haskell Indian Nations University Reunion 2010

Oct. 29-31, 2010 at the Holiday Inn, 1000 N. Interstate Dr., Norman, Okla. For more information call Loretta Burgess at (918) 633-7030 or email to dushkut1951@yahoo.com.

Oklahoma Indian Nation Halloween Masquerade Dance

Supper served at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information contact Dara Franklin at (405) 262-0137, Christine Morton at (405) 476-1134 or Jesse Botone at (405) 308-5028.

The Drum Awards-Recognizing Native American Excellence

7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 1, 2010 at the Choctaw Casino Resort in Durant, Okla. For table reservations contact drum.awards@cnent.com or for more information visit TheDrumAwards.com or call Lana Sleeper at (580) 924-8280 ext. 2388.

The 19th annual Austin Powwow

10 a.m.-10 p.m., Nov. 6, 2010 at the Toney Burger Center, 3200 Jones Rd. in Sunset Valley, Texas. For more information and a list of Head Staff visit www.austinpowwow.org or email austin_powwow@yahoo.com.

The 1st annual All Nations AA Rally and Powwow

Nov. 12-13, 2010 at Quartz Mountain Resort in Lonewolf, Okla. For hotel reservations call (580) 563-2424 or (877) 999-5567. Registration is $20 dollars. For more information contact Caron Y. at wayway97@yahoo.com or Lyn B at goldie01@sbcglobal.net.

Benefit Gourd Dance for Native American Warriors Society

Nov. 13, 2010 at the Central High School, 3101 W. Edison in Tulsa, Okla. For more information call Yvonne or Dwayne Cahwee at (918) 946-8024.

The Third annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Veterans' Celebration and Powwow

Oct. 1-3, 2010 at the Canton powwow grounds in Canton, Okla. - Grand Entry at 7 p.m.

Royalty - Outgoing

Kaylee Marie Bish
2009-2010 Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Powwow Senior Princess

Kaylee is the 17 year old daughter of Jamie Bish of Anadarko, Okla., the granddaughter of Jim and Belle Bish also of Anadarko, Carlene and Bob Beach of Lafayette, LA, Tom and Doneeta Nowlin of Newcastle, Okla., Rupert Nowlin of Weatherford, Okla., Don Nowlin of Colony, Okla. see3tei Nowlin, the "Queen of Colony".

She is the great-granddaughter of the late George and Twila Bish of Anadarko, the late Keg and Mary Nita Nowlin of Colony and the late Doris Lumpmouth also of Colony, Lumpmouth and Singing Bear of Geary and Wassana and Crow Woman of Colony.

Kaylee's Arapaho name is Horse with a White Spot on its Face. She is named after one of her neiwoo and auntie grandma's grandmothers who they called grandma noxuxou for short.

Kaylee has previously served as the 2002 Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Junior Arapaho Princess, 2006 CSU Youth Powwow Sr. Princess, 2008 Arapaho Tribal Princess and the 2008-2009 Miss American Indian Exposition. Kaylee is a senior at Anadarko High School where she maintains a 3.8 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, president of FCCLA and has previously served as treasurer and secretary.

Kaylee was selected to attend a leadership program this summer hosted by the Tucks School of Business, Dartmouth College where she gained knowledge about the world of business that will continue to play a role in years to come no matter what her career path is and she made several lifelong friendships.

Kaylee is genetically predisposed to be a Sooner and is therefore planning on attending the University of Oklahoma (OU) and becoming a registered nurse.

Kaylee enjoys texting, going to OU football games and being big sis to Alyssa, Hanna, Mason, Isabella and Tayla. She would like to thank Karen Yeahquo for all of her support and she is very honored to represent the Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Powwow. She is the proud granddaughter of Vietnam veterans, the great-granddaughter of WWII veterans and the great-great-grandaughter of a WWI veteran.

Addison Cloud
2009-2010 Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Powwow Junior Princess

Addison Cloud is the current Junior Princess for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Veteran's powwow.

She is the daughter of Angie Cloud and granddaughter of Sandra and the late Albert Littleman.

Addison enjoys dancing at all the powwows and would like to invite everyone to the third annual Veteran's powwow in Canton, Okla., to celebrate our tribal veterans.

Royalty - Incoming

Jacqueline Nicole Butler
2010-2011 Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Powwow Senior Princess

Blessing to all with greatest respect to our Creator. My name is Shell Woman given to me by my great-grandparents. My birth name is Jacqueline Nicole Butler and I am 16 years old. I would like to share a little bit of my background with everyone.

First of all let me start by telling our Creator how blessed and thankful I am for every opportunity, whether good or bad, that I have endured. I come from the Pendleton and Butler family. I am Cheyenne, Northern Cheyenne, Sioux, O-toe, Creek and Iowa. One of my greatest gifts is that all my life I have been raised to know and respect the value of my Indian heritage. By being raised this way I will continue to show and have great respect for our elders and way of life.

I would like to thank my mom, Michelin Butler and Sienna Butler for helping me, without their support none of this would have been possible.

My grandparents are Roberta and Alva Roughface, Butch and Katie Butler. My great grandparents are Robert and Elizabeth Whiteshield and Dorthy and the late Raymond Butler. My great-great grandparents are the late Frank and Jennie Pendleton.

My goals and priorities are God first, church, family and school. By staying actively involved and keeping my heart in the right spot I hope to continue to live and grow on the right path. Growing up, the value of respecting all people no matter their nation has been grounded into me. It is truly an honor to be selected at the senior princess and carry this title for the next year.

My accomplishments include traveling to Alaska and Idaho to teach vacation bible school to others, being selected for the People to People ambassador Europe study, being invited to finish my education with West Point Military Academy and to study crime scene investigations in Washington D.C.

I currently continue to be involved with cheerleading, cross country, track, slow pitch softball and was academic all state last year. I am a member of student council, Junior Main Street (keeping our town clean), math club, A.P. club, and FCCLA. I hope to one day finish my education by becoming a Marine and than a lawyer to come back and help my people.

I would like to close by saying a special thank you for all who believed in me and in our way of life. Thank you with much appreciation to David Ramos and family for my dress and all the hard work they do for us at Sundance time. Thank you to the committee for honoring me with the title, thank you to all our elders for the special teachings they give to me. Thank you to Dara Hicks, Deion and Chole Henry for their hard work and friendship. Thank you to all my grandpas, grandmas, aunts and uncles for all the encouragement and love they have raised me with. Thank you to all those who have gone before and suffered for us to have a better life. The greatest gift of all is knowing our Creator and living by his way. Every day we breathe is another chance to love each other and be good to each other. For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever shall believe shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

Many thanks and blessings to each one of you.

Honored Guests

Kaitlyn Christine Kodaseet
2010 Arapaho Princess

Kaitlyn Kodaseet is 15 years old and an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. "Red Face Woman" is her Indian name which was given to her by her grandmother Fannie Charley. She is also Kiowa and Navajo.

Kaitlyn's parents are Mike and Katie Kodaseet. She has one sister and two brothers. Her grandparents are Charlotte Lumpmouth and Gary Kodaseet and the late Joe and Fannie Charley.

Abigail Jordan Reynolds
2010 Cheyenne Princess

Abigail is the daughter of Sheldon and Jacqueline Reynolds of Clinton, Okla.

Her Indian name is Vanahel'o (Sage Woman). Aibigail is the granddaughter of Gail Tsosie of Ft. Defiance, Ariz., the late Efford Dean Tsosie and the late Roger Reynolds and Janice Prairiechief of Clinton.

Abigail is also the great-granddaughter of Frank and Susie Reynolds and a descendant of Buffalo Calf, Medicine Water, Big Woman, Broken Arm/Cut Arm, Measure Woman and Standing Bird.

Brittany Ellen Taylor-2010
Thomas Service Club Princess

Brittany Ellen Taylor was born Feb. 10, 1998 in Durango, Colo. Her mother's name is Raylene EchoHawk. She the granddaughter of John and Cloe Peacock and Owen Echo Hawk, Jr. The great-granddaughter of Alfrich and Joyce Heap of Birds and Emma Lou and Lynn Brewer.

She fourth grader at Thomas Elementary School and a member of the school band. Her grade point average is 3.8. She is a graduate of John Casablanca Modeling Career Center and once played as an extra in the movie *Comanche Moon*.

Marlysia BigBack
2010-2011 Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Powwow Junior Princess

My name is Marlysia BigBack and my Indian name is Vonahe'e, which means young ceremonial woman. This name was passed on from my grandmother's family.

I am 13 years old, enjoy playing volleyball and I have been on the honor roll. I enjoy going to powwows and the Sundance with my grandparents during the summer time. During the school year I focus on my school work and with the extra time I have I like to learn how to bead which my grandmother.

My mother is Irene BullComing, who is the daughter of my grandfather Vernon BullComing and my grandmother Rhoda Spotted Elk-BullComing. Also great grandparents are Roy and Kathryn Nibbs-BullComing and the late Alex and Fern Powder Face-Spotted Elk. I am a descendent of Chief Little Wolf, Spotted Elk and Chief War Bonnet. My grandfather's side of the family comes from Fonda, Okla. He was raised there and has lived there for many years. My grandmother's side of the family comes from Lame Deer, Mont., where she was raised. They and my mother have taught me the Cheyenne ways and culture that I know today.

Alyssa Reyzha Danielle Two Babies
2010-2011 Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Powwow Little Miss Princess

Alyssa Reyzha Danielle Two Babies, Ho'etseoo'e, (Lightening Woman), Cheyenne and Arapaho, Comanche and Kiowa descent was born and raised in Weatherford, Okla.

She is the 7 year-old daughter of Crystal Mason and Donald (Doni) Two Babies III and little sister to Aaron.

She is the granddaughter of Christian and Julia Scherdin and the late Donald Two Babies II and Wilma (Chigen) Little Coyote. Her great-grand parents are the late Porifirio Washa and late Clara Silverhorn, also the late Hailman and Mary Little Coyote. Great-great paternal grandparents are the late Dana and May Debrae Black and the late Chief Maurice and Pamela Mower Medicine. Lyssa, as she is known, is in the second grade at East Elm Elementary in Weatherford, Okla. She likes climbing trees, playing with her friends, playing her Nintendo DL and likes being a big sister to Cayden, Cameron and Adriana when she goes to visit grandma Karen. She attends the Weatherford Indian Baptist Church and comes from a Native American Church family. Her parents, grandmas, aunties and uncles would like to thank the Veterans powwow committee for selecting Miss Reyzha, as her Grama Chigen called her, their Little Princess.

Honored Veterans

Harvey Phillip Pratt (born 1941) is an American forensic artist and Native American artist, who has worked for over forty years in law enforcement, completing thousands of composite drawings and hundreds of soft tissue postmortem reconstructions.

Pratt was born in El Reno, Okla. and is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes where he is recognized as one of the traditional Cheyenne Peace Chiefs. He is the great-grandson of scout, guide, interpreter and Sand Creek massacre survivor, Edmund Guerrier. He is the great-grandson of American frontiersmen, William Bent.

Pratt served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam era.

Barry Gene Whiteman of Oklahoma City is one of the Honored Veterans for The Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans powwow on Sunday Oct. 3, 2010 in Canton, Okla.

Barry served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a corporal from Aug. 2001 to May 2006, and was honorably discharged in June 2009.

Honored Family Flags

Zachary Limpy
Desert Storm
US Army

Note: Not pictured is Honored Veteran-Clara Flying Coyote, US Army and Honored Family Flag-Charles Surveyor, US Army.

Daniel Whiteman, Sr., was born to Bruce Whiteman, Sr., and Dolores Little Coyote Whiteman. He graduated in 1968 from St. Labre Catholic School in Montana.

He enlisted in the Army on June 30, 1970 and served in the Vietnam war.

His decorations and medals received were the NDSM, PRCHT BDG, VSM, CIB, VCM 3 O/S BARS, ARCOM, and EXP M-16.

He was discharged on Feb. 16, 1972 with the rank of SP4. He received an Honorable Discharge on Jan. 1, 1976.

Whiteman attended Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute where he graduated with a certificate in Food Service on March 26, 1976. He was employed with the U.S. Department of Civil Service and presented with a Service Award in appreciation of 20 years of dedicated service to the United States Government on June 30, 1996.

Whiteman died on Sept. 6, 2002. He left behind a host of family including two sons, Melvin Whiteman and Daniel Whiteman, Jr., and a daughter, Jessica Whiteman.

"Daniel was a proud Veteran. He will be forever loved and missed."

Freedom

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Lee closed his eyes as he continued, "I already knew I would never walk ... I had accepted that ... but my prayers to God were to please give me back my ability to do art."

Lee said for the first couple of years he couldn't paint at all because of severe spasms in his arms and hands.

"I worked on my arms and hands and slowly I began to have some muscle control ... mostly in my left arm and hand, so I taught myself to be left-handed after being right-handed my whole life," Lee said.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Above-Sammy Lee in his room at Grace Nursing Home referred to as Sammy's Art Museum.

Left-Sammy Lee works on his first dream catcher.

Lee continues to have limited use of his right arm and hand and primarily uses his left hand to paint and draw.

Living in a series of nursing homes over the years with a lot of time, he has been able to put all of his efforts into his art.

"God answered my prayer and I have lots of time to paint. I get lost in my painting, like reading, you lose track of time ... that's how it is when I start to paint ... time doesn't exist," Lee said.

Prior to moving to the Geary Nursing Home last year, Lee was living at Grace Nursing Home in Oklahoma City.

"The staff and the administrator there used to call my room Sammy's Art Museum. People would want to come in just to see all my paintings," Lee chuckled. "I feel more at home here in Geary and I paint a whole lot more."

Lee has had to face challenges along the way he didn't anticipate. Upon moving to the Geary Nursing Home, he sent someone to get his art supplies at Grace in Oklahoma City and never saw them again.

"I ended up here in Geary with no art supplies ... everything was gone ... but the administrator, Shirleen, her husband painted and he brought me some brushes and paints and some canvases," Lee said. "Now I get to go to Hobby Lobby to get supplies whenever I have the extra money."

Lee has sold some paintings over the years to doctors and Steve Bailey Honda in Oklahoma City. He has been featured at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City and in a New York City museum.

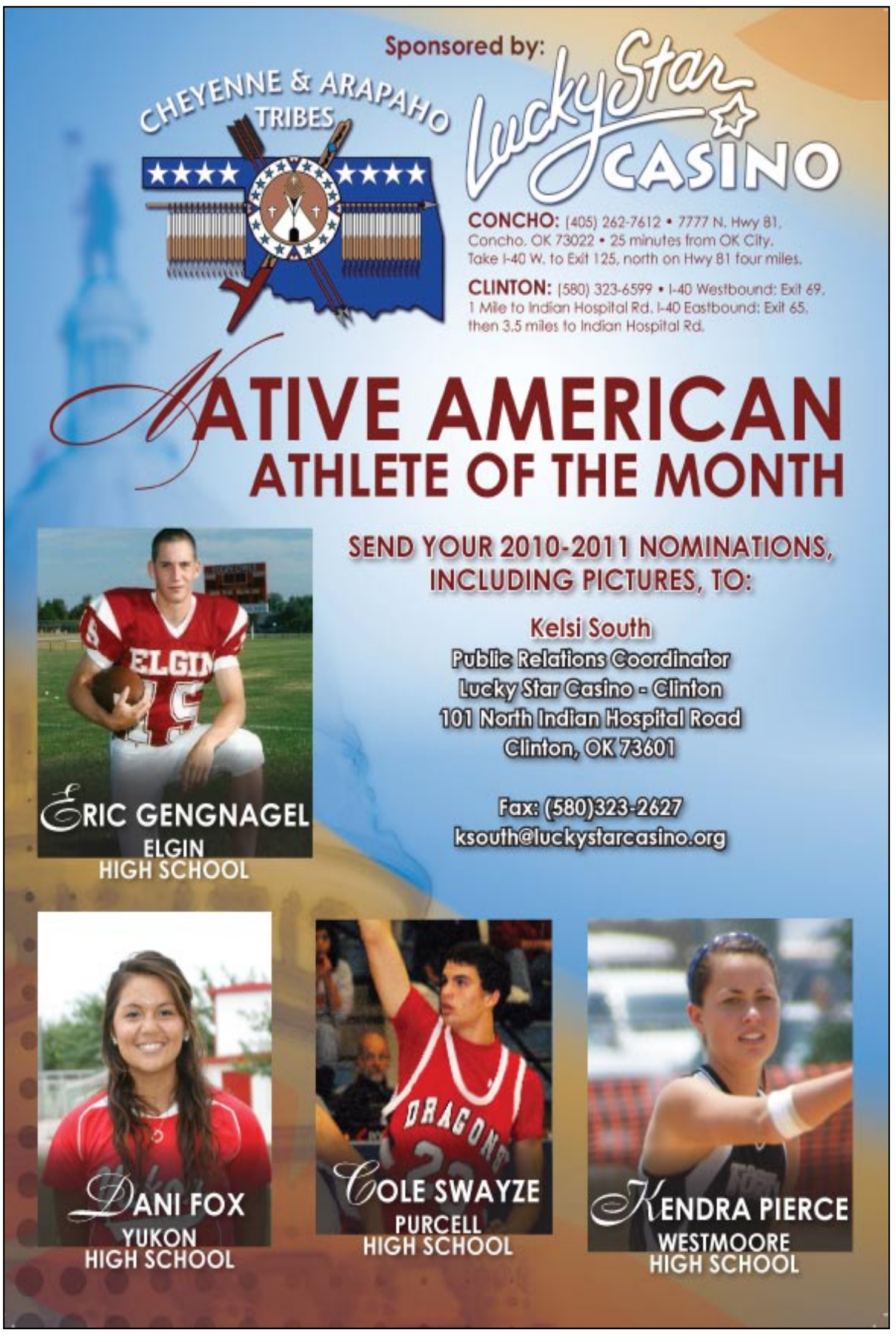
"My dream is to have my own gallery to sell my paintings to the public, but I don't know how to go about it," Lee said.

To purchase a painting or to donate brushes, paints or canvases call Lee direct at (580) 302-4025.

Editor's note: Shortly after my interview with Sammy Lee, his dream began to come true. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Gov. Janice Boswell arranged to have Sammy's artwork displayed on consignment at the Lucky Star Casino's Players Club in Concho, Okla.

"I admire all of our tribal artists and want to help in any way I can," Boswell said.

Also, his paintings will be available online at www.agalleryofnations.com. A Gallery of Nations is owned and operated by Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Eleanor Lefthand.



CATC CORNER

By Gail Wilcox, Admissions Officer

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College is steadily gaining a positive reputation within the state as a vibrant two-year institution of higher education for students. The Fall 2010 enrollment figures officially report 80 students, who represent 18 tribes as well as non-tribal members. The steady student growth reflects experienced and strong leadership for the college.

Three new programs for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College have recently been approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. They are Associate of Science in Children's Teachers, Associate of Science in American Indian Studies and Associate of Science in General Studies. These additional programs complement the current Associate of Science Degree in Tribal Administration. President Mann has tirelessly researched and surveyed the needs of the community to design viable course information specific to each degree.

Vice President Alden Whiteman collaborates with many surrounding communities to offer courses via Interactive Video affording students an opportunity to learn without leaving their home communities. Along with offering courses off site, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College successfully schedules classes during evening hours permitting students the distinct opportunity to work while attending college.

The Spring 2010 schedule, planned by Dr. Mann, offers an academically strong listing of language, history, culture and art taught by knowledgeable veteran faculty. Specifically, the course listing includes Cheyenne Language II, Arapaho Language II, Advanced Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution, Native American Women, American Indian Belief Systems, American Indians Today, Literature of the American Indian, Tribal Government II , Office of Management and Budget Circulars, and Video Story Telling.

Fluent Cheyenne and Arapaho language speakers, Ms. Ruth Whiteskunk, Ms. Carol Joyce Bullcoming, and Mr. Charles Sleeper lead the courses assisting interested learners in preserving these priceless native languages that are found in no other country on this earth. They are unique to this land.

Mr. Don Tofpi, 30 year veteran of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, teaches the Office of Management and Budget Circulars course which offers students years of knowledge and experience on proper procedures regarding contracting programs and services from the federal government. Mr. Tofpi held many key federal positions including Regional Self-Determination Officer, Supervisory Contract Specialist, and Tribal Government Officer. He remains active in Tribal Government keeping his information up-to-date.

Dr. Don Ahshapanek, retired, teaches the Tribal Government course. Dr. Ahshapanek, Nanticoke/Delaware Tribe, holds a PhD in Botany and Microbiology and has served as Professor in higher education communities such as Emporia State University and Haskell Indian Nations University. He also has held positions in the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a Lease Compliance Officer and Tribal Government Services Officer.

Ms. Jennifer Whiteman, graduate of the London School of Economics, offers a vibrant study of constitutional and parliamentary issues for students wherein they explore and critique the process of government law formulation and procedures. In addition to Ms. Whiteman's degrees in sociology and economics, she currently is studying law at Oklahoma City University.

Mr Billy Williamson, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Media Production Manager, offers cinematography students a hand-on experience producing, editing and finalizing film projects. Mr. Williamson hold 13 Addy National Awards and 12 Telly National Awards for Television. He has an extensive production list of movies, television commercials, documentary and federal contract productions and network television episodes.

Vice President Alden Whiteman, Cheyenne Headsmen, is scheduled to teach American Indian Belief Systems. The course is specific to Native American spiritual traditions of which Mr. Whiteman is well versed. His research interests are tribal gaming and applied leadership. He offers students first-hand information regarding traditional leadership and helps students discover the cultural history of American Indian belief systems, and their unfortunate suppression.

Dr. Henrietta Mann, honored and celebrated President and Cheyenne woman, will guest lecture in all courses offered. Dr. Mann, is the Founding President of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College. Mann is a nationally known educator with more than 35 years experience teaching at Montana State University, University of Montana, University of California at Berkeley, and Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. She leads the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College staff who "Invite Students to Succeed".

Enrollment for the Spring 2010 semester begins October 25, 2010 for freshmen and first-time students. Interested students may contact Oveta Lira, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College Administrative Offices at (580) 774-3742 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to schedule enrollment appointments or obtain information. Gail Wilcox, Administrative and Admissions Officer, pleasantly assists students to complete all enrollment requirements. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College is a cultural-based academic home and its doors are open to all as a "higher learning place."

Tribes and children, adoption court case a test of state's rules over tribes

By Steve Quinn, First Alaskan Magazine

Courtesy photo

Natalie, at left, with her siblings in Huslia.

Listen to Selina and Hudson Sam talk about their adoptive daughter Natalie and you'll hear the story of a 10-year-old girl bravely learning about an unkind world. Her mother, a convicted felon, was not fit to raise her. The girl's birth father did not want to raise her.She spent time in several foster homes, developing an abrasive attitude toward authority before she was 5 years old. You'll also hear about a girl with long dark hair who can't wait to help her brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles each summer at fish camp. She loves school in her home village of Huslia. And she's quickly developing her own touch with bead work. She also goes about her life innocently unaware that she is the axis of a legal fight that one day could be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

It's a five-year legal storm swirling around her, and it could affect future adopted Native children. The issue: Who has jurisdiction over the custody and placement of a tribal member's child? The tribe or the state of Alaska? The stakes: a loss of a certain sovereignty that Native groups and villages have long enjoyed.

It's a question that could rest with the U.S. Supreme Court if the state of Alaska, which has lost every court battle related to the case so far, has its way. For now the Supreme Court has referred the case to the U.S. Solicitor General for a review and report on behalf of the United States. That means it could easily be autumn before either side learns whether the nation's high court will hear the debate.

It's an argument that has traveled from this village of about 800 residents living along the Koyukuk River to the Capitol in Juneau for a heated confirmation hearing and now to Washington, D.C.

Natalie A. Landreth, who has prevailed on behalf of the Sams and the Native American Rights Fund, calls the state's case an affront to the Native community.

"This is so ridiculous on so many fronts," says Landreth. "It's a message from the state to the tribes that they are either not capable or not entitled to even place their tribal members' children.The tribes are the only ones who know about suitable homes for their children. It's just incredibly insulting to be told you're not a court; you're not allowed to do this."

Landreth says it's not even about the law, but rather a policy change dating to former Gov. Frank Murkowski's administration.

"This adoption is as normal as your utility bill," Landreth says. "It's a run-of-the-mill thing people have been doing forever. I have no idea why this one caught their eye."

Because the birth parents were in Kaltag and the adoptive parents in Huslia, the state believes there is a question of jurisdiction over non-tribal members. It's a gray area the Supreme Court needs to resolve, according to the state.

In a court filing requesting the high court's attention, the state's argument reads in part, *there is an undeniable need for clear jurisdictional rules governing the exercise of government authority in court proceedings concerning the parent-child relationship. This Court has (heard disputes) on several prior occasions to address the proper allocation of authority among States and Indian tribes over child custody cases*.

Complicating the issue are the two venues: Kaltag along the Yukon and Huslia, 180 miles north along the Koyukok.

The Huslia Tribal Council forwarded the adoption request to the Kaltag Tribal Council in August 2005, and Kaltag awarded the girl to the Sams. The Kaltag Tribal Council had awarded them permanent guardianship in the summer of 2004, so it was natural for the same council to handle the formal adoption.

Problems for the Sams began after the Kaltag council approved the adoption. The council turned in an adoption decree to the Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics. It was believed to be a formality. Getting a new birth certificate for an adopted child so that little girl could bear the family name. But the bureau disagreed, saying the tribal court "had no jurisdiction or authority to initiate adoption proceedings in this matter," according to the state's court brief under the Supreme Court's consideration.

Landreth and the Sams have prevailed in two state courts and in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Ultimately, the Sams did receive the birth certificate, so Landreth is fighting a battle bearing the girl's name but on behalf of future children who may need to be placed in adoptive homes.

The state and Landreth each offered their argument to the Supreme Court earlier this year.

As those positions went to Washington, state lawmakers in Juneau raised the issue in confirmation hearings for Alaska Attorney General Dan Sullivan.

The Senate Judiciary Committee took Sullivan to task for spending nearly $80,000 in state funds, wasted money some members say, on an outside firm.

Bill Wielechowski, an Anchorage emocrat, minced no words when addressing the attorney general.

He tells Sullivan, "The facts in Kaltag are this. You had a mom who was convicted of murder and a dad who wanted nothing to do with the child. You had the Kaltag tribe that took custody of the child, adopted her to residents in Huslia. All participants consented to the tribal court doing this. All are Native. Not one raised any questions. No one raised any concerns about the due process provided by the tribal court and the state comes in and wants to stop this. It makes no sense. This is a very bad policy decision. You have the tribes doing work that OCS would be doing. You had the tribes doing the work that otherwise would have cost the state money. To the (N)atives of Alaska, I think this is a slap in the face. I think this is bad policy call."

Sullivan countered, saying it wasn't a policy call.

Instead, he says it was an effort to get guidance from the Supreme Court that will help the state moving forward with child placement.

"This is a case where the tribal court was trying to do the right thing; I don't disagree with that," says Sullivan, whose appointment was ultimately not impeded by this issue in his unanimous legislative selection.

"That's why I think working on a broader approach between the state and tribal courts on this issue is the way to resolve this, not through continued litigation. It's in the state's best interest to have clarity on this very important issue and I don't think we have it in the law."

French told Sullivan going to the Supreme Court on what he calls "bad facts" has social implications.

"I don't know if you are aware to the degree which you ruffled feathers," French said. "They (the Native community) see this as an attack on the right of tribal courts to exercise concurrent jurisdiction. On the one hand it's provoked intense resentment in the (N)ative community. One the other hand it seems like bad facts to go to the Supreme Court on."

In the end, French says this case is a blueprint for collaboration.

"I see this as a place where the state and the tribes can really work together," French says. "The tribes are offering their help They are performing an essential service that the state frankly has proved unwilling to provide. We are not going to put OCS agents in every village of the state to oversee these issues."

While the lawyers were arguing before judges and filing court briefs, Selina and Hudson focused on raising Natalie. The child arrived to their home after hopping from one foster home to another. In each home, Natalie rebelled, as many foster children do in new homes. She was an angry child, Selina says, throwing tantrums, ruining toys, resisting a parent's love.

Selina learned this about five years ago when she took a call from a friend who said Natalie needed help. Having raised Natalie's older brother of the same mother, Selina believed she had a good home for Natalie. Five years later, Selina says Natalie is an A student in school, completes her household chores and contributes to subsistence efforts, mostly berry-picking.

Natalie is also taking to bead work, meticulously developing her own style while learning the Koyukon Athabascan ways.

She helps take care of the fish during the summertime, be it hanging them, washing them or carrying them into the house. It's a precocious moment in the life of 10-year-old that Selina recently captured and preserved with her camera.

"She's learning all of the traditional lifestyles and cultures," Selina says. "She's smart and she knows her responsibilities. Every day after school she has to talk to us about her homework and the importance of it."

Selina and Hudson had already raised seven of their own children and hosted numerous foster children, and they are in the process of adopting another boy. They believe their role in the Native community is to provide a happy and healthy home for children.

It's a way of life in small villages: an unwed mother can't care for a child; a tribe provides a home, giving children a chance they may never have otherwise.

"When the Kaltag worker brought her up here, she looked like she needed help and we were there for her. She looked like she was lost, like she didn't know what to do, like she was a dreamer. You know how their minds wander and stuff? That was Natalie. From the time we got here, we started working with her, and we didn't stop giving up on her."

About a year later, a breakthrough emerged.

"Her last name was Semaken. She came home and asked me 'how come everybody's last name is Sam and my name is Semaken? I want my name to be Sam.' She got love from all of us. We all help take care of her. Not only her dad and I, but all of her siblings, and the community. I once heard a long time ago it takes a village to raise a child. You know what? It does."

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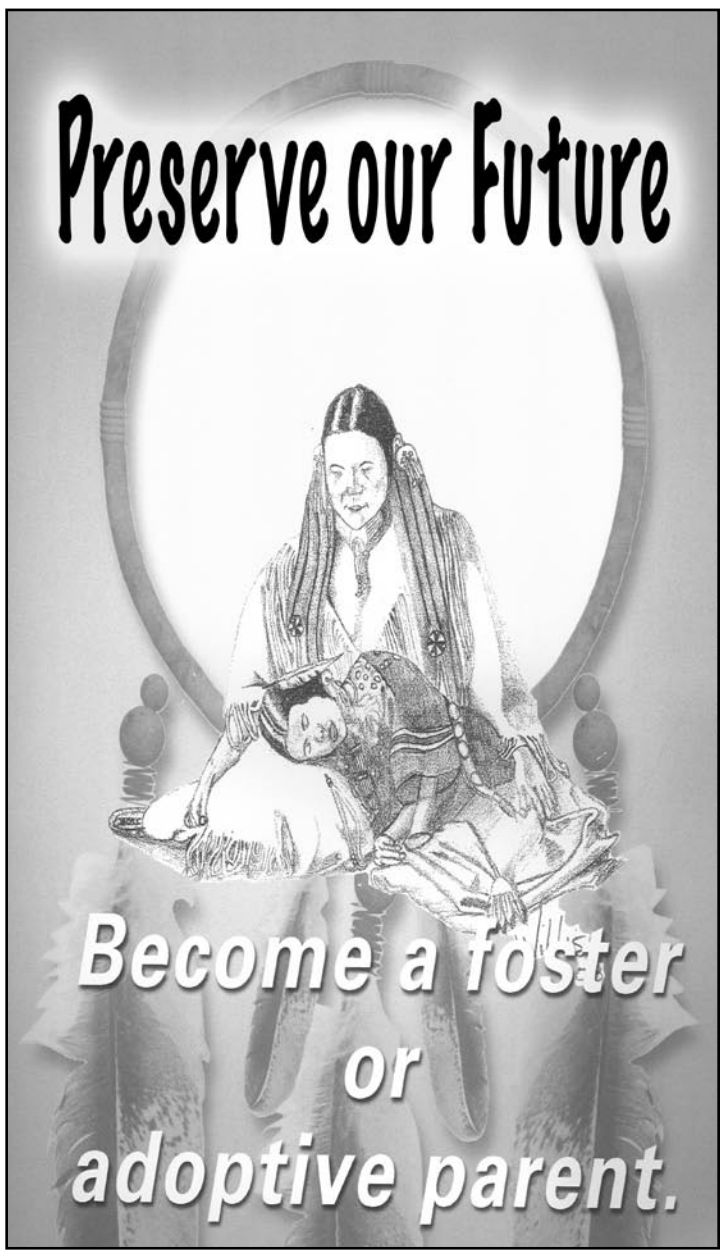


FRIENDLY REMINDER TO APPLICANTS FOR CULTURE AND HERITAGE PROGRAM

Applicant should ensure application is received by the Culture and Heritage Program AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE of any ceremony or activity to allow sufficient time to process.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring all support documents are provided and attached.

Any support documentation not received may delay the process and /or may cause the request to be denied.

Please attach a copy of CDIB upon submission, failure to do so will result in denial.

Happy Birthday

Arionna look outside
it is so pleasant.
Sun smiling for you.
Trees dancing for you.
Birds singing for you,
because I requested them
all to wish you a
HAPPY 5th BIRTHDAY!!!
We all celebrate the day you
blew the breath of life into us.
Loving you always, from
momma, sisters, family and all
those who have been blessed
since the day you were born.

Happy Birthday
Betty Addison!!
Oct. 5
From all of your friends
at Feather Warrior
Casino in Watonga!!!

Happy Birthday
Charles Black!!!
Oct. 7
From all of your friends
at Feather Warrior
Casino in Watonga!!

Happy 5th Birthday
Jalen Thomas
Oct. 12
You are the light in
our world that makes
everything brighter.
We love you with
all our hearts.
Love, vama, papa,
mommy, daddy and all
your aunts, uncles and
cousins

Happy Birthday to the
sweetest little guy I know!
Joshua Bear 4 yrs. old
Oct. 11
I'm so proud of you baby.
I love you so much!
Thank you for making my
life here on earth so much
better. May God bless you
forever and always.
Love, momma, daddy,
Jayci, Jacen,
and the rest of the family.

Happy 24th Birthday
Kennesha Willis!!!
Oct. 6th.
From all of your friends
at Feather Warrior
Casino in Watonga!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 75th Birthday
Big Papa!
You are the driving
force within our family.
You show us what
unconditional love is and
show us how to be better
people! You are loved
by your children, your
grandchildren and your
great-grandchildren …
more than you will ever
fully know.

mothers love is something that no one can explain it is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain. It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may for nothing can destroy it or take that love away .

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking and it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking. It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns and glows with all the beauty of the rarest brightest gems.

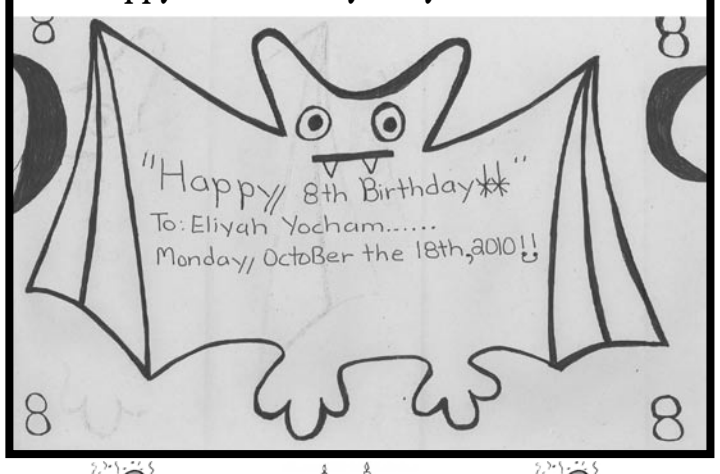
It is far beyond defir it defies all explination and it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation. A many splendored miracle man cannot understand and another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

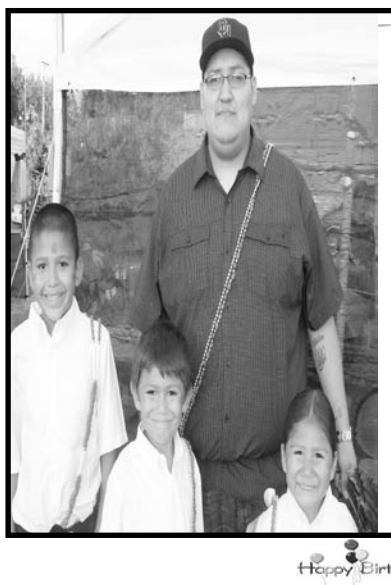
With much love and respect Leigh Ann, Keith, Nickolas, Ashleigh Palmer, Lakendra LaRein Hayden (Cubby)Gould, Laura Mae,Dion,Kenny Wermy,Curtis and Mollie Harrison

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday
Ms. Eva Leflore!!!
Oct. 15
From all of your friends
at Feather Warrior
Casino in Watonga!!!

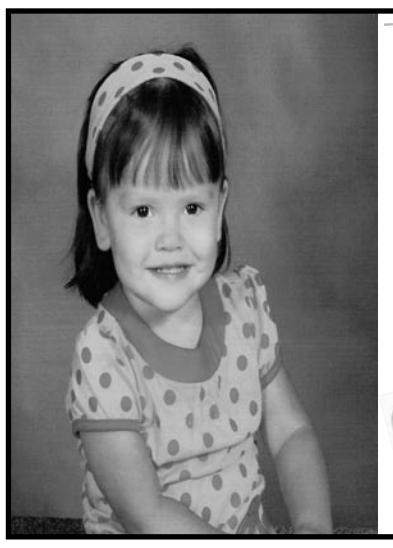
Happy 8th Birthday Eliyah !!!! Oct. 18





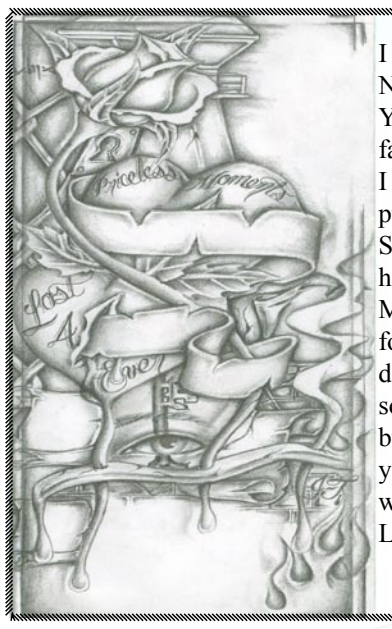
Happy Birthday
William Whitlow!
Oct 7
We love you very
much daddy!
Love Ethan, Marlon,
Will II, and Lori

Dakota Bleu Friday
Oct. 3 1991
Happy 19th Birthday
to you son!
Love mom, grandma
and your brothers
Uriah, Eddie, and
Little Eddie



Happy 2nd Birthday
Aeryn Drelyn Main!!!

With much love and
kisses, mommy, daddy,
gamma, aunties,
uncle and all
your cousins!!!
Have fun on
your special day!!!



I Loving Memory of
Naomi Whitecrow
Your in my prayer's to your
family, I feel their pain.
I had a big piece of my heart
pulled away.
So when you see and talk to
her can you tell Sarah Jane
Meat that I'm still pushing
forward and she is missed
dearly. I don't want to take up
so much of your time Naomi,
but can you tell those around
you to beat that drum so hard
we hear it from Heaven.
Love Jimmy Tahchawwickah

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday
Robyn Russell!!!
Oct. 3
Get Better Soon!!
With Love from all of
your friends at
Feather Warrior Casino
in Watonga!!

Happy Belated
"Birffday"
"Shelly Belly"!!!!
(9-14 MY DAY)

Happy "Birffday"
"Codi Moe"!!!!(10-13)
I love you sisters!!!
From Ricque Racoon

Happy Birthday!

William Joseph Whitlow – 29 – Oct. 7
Jerilyn M. Longknife – 27 – Oct. 8
Cheryl Yoda Whitlow – 33 – Oct. 11
Daniel Toski Davis – 31– Oct. 16
Kaycee June Hatten – 11 – Oct. 25
from Christine, Beverly and Jessie

Happy Birthday
and many blessings.
Betty Whiteshield Daukei
Keep faith in your prayers
Ma'heo is
watching over us.
Big love and Respect
Jarvis D928

Happy Belated Birthday
Lavada Howlingwater Gould
May the Creator
continue to bless you.
Love you sister, Karen

Happy Birthday!!
Happy belated 38th
Birthday and more!
Johnny Lee Oldcamp.
Love mom and dad

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag @c-a-tribes.org

Child Protection Worker
Social Services
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

General knowledge of the principles, concepts and methodologies of working with this type of population. Prefer bachelor's degree in related field that affords the employee with the general knowledge required above. Will accept a combination of education and related experience. Knowledge of various laws, regulations and procedures including the Indian Child Welfare Act and the CFR Court procedures in order to effectively provide services to clients. Knowledge of tribal and community resources to refer clients to the most appropriate source of assistance. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference applies.

SALARY: Negotiable

Assistant Director
R.E.Sp.E.C.T.
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess a high school diploma/GED; AA degree preferred or four years of work experience in related field or its equivalent; must be willing to further education (associates or bachelors degree); must receive and maintain CPR/First Aid Certifications; knowledgeable about the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, communities, traditions, culture and customs; possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's license; TERO applies (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Preference); and must pass a background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

Laborer
Economic Development
Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:

Ability to accept immediate employment. Ability to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. Ability and knowledge to operate light weight equipment. Must be physically fit to withstand various types of manual labor. Prefer knowledge of landscaping- planting flowers and shrubs. Must have stable work history, be dependable and conscientious. Must have knowledge in performing general repair duties. Must have painting experience. Must submit to a background check. Must have high school diploma or GED. Must have current driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Grants & Contracts Specialist
Office of Procurement
Closing Date: Oct. 7, 2010

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelors' degree preferred. Strong writing skills are required. Must be able to write grant applications that display meticulous grammar and spelling. Strong analytical skills preferred. Experience with federal and state grant, contract and proposal writing. The GCS must be familiar with OMB Circulars and have knowledge of CFR regulations. Strong computer skills a must as the GCS will be required to submit grants electronically on grants.gov, (GMS) Grants Managements System and E-grants. Knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho culture, history, traditions and service area preferred. Dependable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Procurement Clerk
Office of Procurement
Closing Date: Oct. 7, 2010

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be a high school graduate or have GED certification. One-year experience in procurement or related field preferred. Working knowledge of contracting and purchasing terminology. Prefer knowledge of procurement regulations, procedures, policies, forms, documentation requirements, bid and proposal preparation. Excellent computer skills, knowledge of software, word processing, spreadsheets, database, and office machines a must. Must have a valid driver's license. Native American preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Nutrition Aide
Seasonal
Closing Date:Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of basic food preparation and sanitation. Ability to work independently with little or no supervision. Ability to communicate effectively with clients and community groups. Ability to write effectively and complete reports in a timely manner. Knowledge of basic computer software. Must be over 18 years of age. Must have high school diploma or equivalence. Must have a valid state driver's license. Prefer degree in a related field or equivalence of combined health and nutrition experience. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Receptionist/Dispatcher
Full-Time/Permanent
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum education requirements are a high school diploma or GED certification. Maintains operations of communications equipment such as two-way radio, multi-line phone system and demonstrated computer skills and/or knowledge to maintain written records of transit requests. Answers routine questions pertaining to the Tribal Transit program. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug screen/test and background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

Farm Laborer II/Welder/
Helper-Economic Develop.
Closing Date: Oct. 6, 2010

QUALIFICATIONS:

Prefer certified welder with experience a must. Must be dependable. Must have a high school diploma or GED certification. College preferred. Physically fit with ability to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. Knowledgeable in operating farm equipment. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Driver/Meal Delivery
Elderly Nutrition Center
Closing Date: Oct. 7, 2010

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Fifty-five years of age or older. Clean driving record for insurance purposes. Willing to work other than normal working hours. Knowledge of the area and the people. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Custodial/Maintenance
Concho Community Ctr.
Closing Date: Oct. 6, 2010

QUALIFICATIONS:

Reliable and dependable. Ability to handle weights and loads. Ability to lift up to 50 pounds, bending, pushing, squatting, climbing ladders, works with hands in water containing stringent cleaning agents. Must be willing to work other than normal working hours including weekends.Should be familiar with Cheyenne tribal customs and Arapaho tribal customs. Completion of high school or GED certification required. One year experience in custodial work desirable. Must know methods, materials and equipment used in custodial work. Experience may substitute for education. Ability to follow oral and written directions. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass a pre-hire drug screen. Native American preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Fence Crew/Laborer
Economic Development
Closing Date:Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:

Dependable, physically fit and able to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. or more. Knowledgeable in operating farm equipment. Willing to work until daily tasks are completed. Must be able to work on an on-call basis. High school diploma or GED required and valid Oklahoma driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

C-3 News

The Legislative powers allowed by the constitution are as follows:

Section 5. Powers - Part (a) The Legislature shall have the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary for the good of the Tribes. I would like for our Tribal people to know that we as legislators cannot do things the way the old business committee did them. We cannot issue funds directly to an individual. That is why we have program such as Crisis, Eldercare, and Culture and Heritage to name a few, was to establish guidelines and give our people a direct source for them to go to if they needed those particular services. We cannot hand out money or write a check like the business committee once did not only is it unconstitutional but it's unethical. The purpose of legislators is strictly to pass laws, bills and resolutions for our Tribal government. If you do need assistance we would be more than happy to get you an application for that program and also assist you with filling the application out.

Thank You,
Mary Jo Higgins
C3 Legislator

Data Entry Clerk-PT/Temp.
Tribal Historic Preservation
Closing Date: Oct. 7, 2010

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Must be computer literate and have previous experience with data entry. Must be able to follow intricate directions and delegations. Knowledge and understanding of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' traditional and cultural beliefs preferred. Candidate should have knowledge, understanding and familiarity with historic and cultural preservation. Must have initiative and confidence to do extensive data entry with specific software program by showing the ability to ask questions, present ideas and work with little direct supervision. Possess one year of related experience and must have demonstrated knowledge and skills related to general office procedures, office equipment and filing procedures.

SALARY: Negotiable

Community Health Rep.
Watonga Area
Closing Date: Oct. 7, 2010

QUALIFICATIONS:

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preferred. Have EMT, medical assistant, CMA, or CNA experience. Have current CPR certification. Must have a valid Oklahoma state driver's license and be insurable under the Tribe's insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and be in good physical condition. Must pass basic CHR training and first responder training within one year of hire. Travel required. Submit program PCC and mileage/maintenance on a weekly basis. Maintain GSA vehicle responsibilities. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have a high school diploma or GED certification. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside of the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. as needed.

SALARY: Negotiable

A.A meetings 7 p.m.
Every Wednesday
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Treatment Center
For more information call
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Optometry Technician
Diabetes Wellness
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Advise and assist patients with frame lens selection. Perform measurements of frame and lens specifications. Customize the fit of glasses to suit client's faces by making adjustments to the frames. Keep customer records up to date.Communicate with the public and teammates verbally and written.Work with patient eyewear needs including analyzing prescriptions, repairs and adjustments, and lifestyle dispensing. Consults with patients to resolve eye wear problems or concerns. Contact and maintain liaison with appropriate health care professionals, institutions of higher learning, area resources agencies and other tribal organizations. Works individually with family members as necessary in terms of special problems and/or need related to the program. Provide monthly status reports on clients served and document source of payment. Ensure vendors receive timely payments from other tribal program partnerships. Experience preferred but not required. Willing to learn and prepare for certification within six months of starting position. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Written proficiency a must. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Must be willing and able to work outside of normal work hours.

SALARY: Negotiable

Events Coordinator/Custodian
Native American Church Ctr.
Closing Date: Oct. 7, 2010

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED certification required. One-year experience in janitorial work desirable. Must know methods, materials and equipment used in custodial work. Experience may substitute for education. Individual must possess general knowledge of office procedures including telephone etiquette, copier, fax, typewriter, computer and communication skills. Individual should be willing to work other than normal working hours when necessary. Individual should be familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal customs and Native American Church customs.

SALARY: Negotiable

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF INDIAN CLINIC HOURS

To All Patients of the Clinton, Watonga and El Reno Indian Clinics.

The Clinton Service Unit has slightly changed it's hours.

Each quarter there is a month that has a fifth Wednesday. On the fifth Wednesday we will not be accepting any walk-ins or making any appointments and we will limit our available services. This will allow us to conduct trainings and meetings that help the staff stay informed and compliant with state, federal and IHS rules and regulations. This allows us to better serve your needs. **The dates for the next year include Sept. 29, 2010; Dec. 29, 2010; March 30, 2011, June 29, 2011 and Aug. 31, 2011**.

Please remember that services will be limited during those times and while we will not be closed on those days, we may not be able to meet your needs at that time. Please remember that we will not be taking walk-ins or appointments this fifth Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for being our valued customer.

In Loving Memory of Katrina Eads-Mayes

Katrina (Kay) marie Eads-Mayes passed away on Sept. 14, 2010. Kay was born Dec. 5, 1954 in Santa Monica, Calif. She was born to William C. Eads and Dena Y. Gibson-Eads both of California.

Kay was the loving wife of Benjamin T. Mayes, Sr. and the beloved mother of five children and nine grandchildren. She was also the great niece of the late Pearl Carter Scott, of whom she was very proud and the granddaughter of Robert (Bud) Gibson.

Kay resided in southern California until 1978 when she moved to Chickasha, Okla., where she met and married the love of her life. Kay and Benjamin were married Aug. 4,1978. Kay's hobbies included sewing, home crafts, baking, gardening, reading and listening to country music, but her greatest joy came from taking care of her family.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, her father-in-law, Tommie Mayes, her mother-in-law, Emma Faye Henager-Mayes, two nephews, Robert (Robbie) Self, Michael Garren, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years Benjamin T. Mayes, Sr. Her children, Dena and Harold Reed of Verden, Okla., Benjamin T. Mayes, Jr. of Verden, Okla., Carroll and Donald Shipley of Rush Springs, Okla., John and Heather Mayes of Kingfisher, Okla., Annette and Calvin Malone of Verden. Okla. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Timothy, John, Kaylee, Lana, Savanah, Adrian, Tyler, Austin, Taryn and Tanner and two brothers, Wayne and Roger Eads, both of California. Special cousin Jimmy Eads and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Kay was dearly loved and adored by all and will be missed. The Eads and Mayes family would like to extend many thanks to all who have been there for us in our darkest hour and supported us in our time of grief.

PUBLIC NOTICE * PUBLIC NOTICE * PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to inform the community of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes intent to apply for funding from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant to remove hazardous substances from the former Conch Indian Boarding School site.

A Brownfields site is defined as real property, the expansion, re-development, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substance, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine scarred. Based on a Phase I and Phase II Assessment, the former Concho Indian Boarding School has both friable and non-friable asbestos containing building materials.

As part of the application process the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes intend to hold a public meeting concerning this application at 11 a.m. on October 1, 2010 at the Tribal Headquarters building, main conference room in Concho, Okla.

A copy of the proposed application will be available for comment at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' environmental office located in Building 1, second floor during normal business hours.

For more information about the proposal, please contact the Tribal EPA staff at (405) 422-7650 or (405) 422-7654.

Thank you

The Labor Day Pow-wow Committee would like to say Ne'esh' to all those who made the 66th annual Labor Day Homecoming celebration a great success this year. May Ma'heo bless each and every one of you. Lucky Star Casinos, who were responsible for the appearance of Adam Beach, Culture and Heritage Program, Economic Development Program for donating the buffalo for the rations and crews for cleaning and fixing up of the grounds, Food Distribution Program for the rations, A-4 Legislator, Fiona Whiteskunk for the raffle donation, C-1 Legislature-Bruce Whiteman for the monetary donation, A-3 Legislator, Patrick Spottedwolf for the monetary donation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Smoke shop for the raffle donation and tobacco, Mary Lou Stevens for the loaves of bread for the rations, Bobbie Ann Hamilton for the water and Rosemary Stephens for the awesome flyers and public information, Jo Fletcher, LaVada Gould and Leigh Ann Wilson.

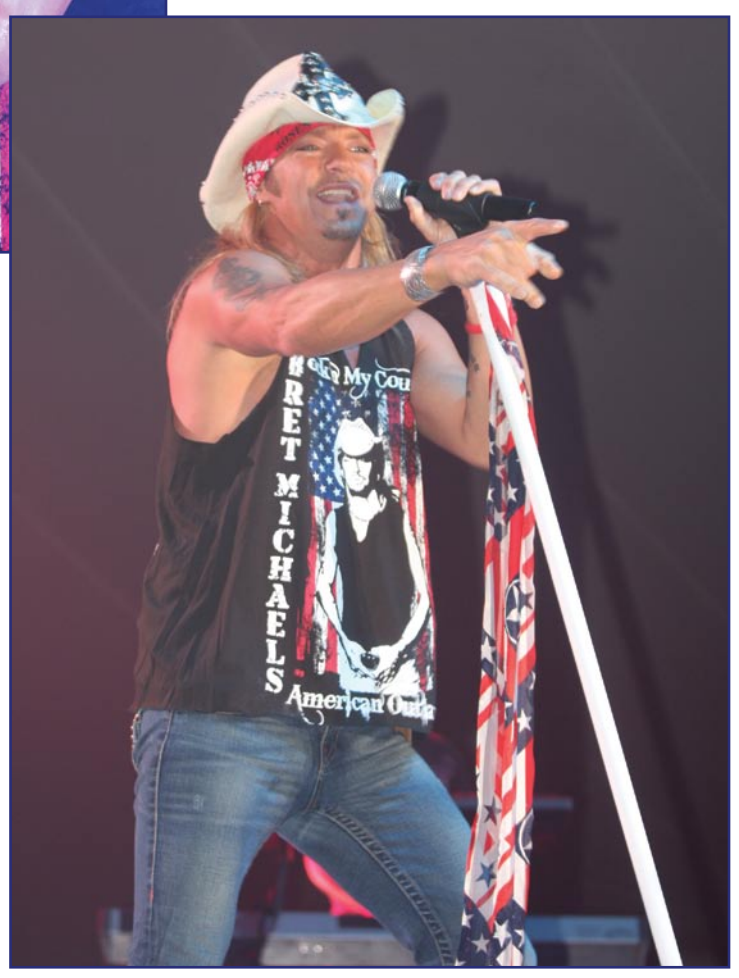
All of our Headstaff: Alan Fletcher, JR Youngbear, Mike Pawnee, Frank Mosqueda, Willie Beard, Cecil Dawes, Margaret Behan, Laketa Pratt, Cheyenne-Arapaho Honor Color Guard, The Black Kettle Boys, Preston, Derek, Dakota and Nicholas, the Ronnie Nibbs family, Henry Wetseline family and Edward Bull family.

Princesses Sidney Jessepe-Levier and Glorietta Popesaitke and families. All the singers and dancers who participated and the spectators. If we have left anyone out it is unintentional. We are looking forward to having a bigger and better powwow next year. Once again Ne'esh and may Ma'heo bless each and every one of you.

Labor Day Powwow Committee,
Karen Little Coyote, Carol Whiteskunk, Peggy Sue Horse and Mary Beaver

A boisterous crowd for Bret Michaels

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales



Photos by Rebecka Ly-

The audience was full of life for Bret Michaels on Friday, Sept. 17, 2010 at the Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, Okla.

Thriving fans were on their feet when Metal Heads, a local band, rocked out their opening performance before Michaels took the stage.

Michaels is an American singer, actor, director, screenwriter and producer. Michaels enchanted the audience with a couple of his early hit songs, *Every Rose has its Thorn* and *Talk Dirty to Me* along with his current singles, *Nothing to Loose, Wasted Time* and *Lie to me,* which are hits from his new album *Custom Built.* The album was released in March 2010.

Michaels first gained fame as the lead vocalist of the band Poison. Besides his career as lead singer, he has several solo albums to his credit, as well as one chart single. He appeared in the VH1 reality show Rock of Love with Bret Michaels and its sequels and as a judge on the talent show Nashville Star.

He earned $390,000 for the American Diabetes Association while competing and ultimately winning NBC's third episode of Celebrity Apprentice with Donald Trump.

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